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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION DATED JULY 12, 2002

Responsive to the communication mailed July 12, 2002, applicant provisionally elects the following species:

- for the promoter -- *glnAp2*;
- for the heterologous polypeptide -- phosphoenolpyruvate synthase.

Applicant notes for the record that this is a provisional election. MPEP, § 803.02 sets forth the procedure to be followed when an examiner requires a provisional election of a species in a Markush claim:

In applications containing [Markush claims], the examiner may require a **provisional election** of a single species prior to examination on the merits. **The provisional election will be given effect in the event that the Markush-type claim should be found not allowable. Following election, the Markush-type claim will be examined fully with respect to the elected species and further to the extent necessary to determine patentability.** If Markush-type claim is not allowable over the prior art, examination will be limited to the Markush-type claim and claims to the elected species, with claims drawn to species patentably distinct from the elected species held withdrawn from further consideration...

(emphases added).

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Accordingly Applicant's elections of particular species are merely provisional elections effective only if the Markush-type claims are found not allowable.

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